

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The old Hotel Belvedere, at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue, is to be torn down and replaced by a modern wholesale business house.

Philip Gunn, whose heart was sewed up after being pierced by a knife, may yet recover.

Father F. M. Kelly of Holy Angels Church criticizes Father Scully of Cambridge, Mass., for the latter's reported attempt to promote matrimony in his parish by taxing bachelors.

The old Cahokia Courthouse in St. Clair County, Ill., has been wrecked and a new building will be erected on the historical site.

The new First Baptist Church at Alton is dedicated.

Returned St. Louisans declare the British in South Africa are badly in need of soldiers.

Members of St. Leo's Parish charter nine street cars to make a holy-year pilgrimage.

Julius L. Winkelmeyer has sought his worthless old dog, "Spot," for two weeks without success.

Architect Raby suggests the use of both Carondelet and O'Fallon parks for the World's Fair.

St. Louis Knights of Columbus give a banquet in honor of the initiation of eighty members.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, on his recent trip across the continent broke speed records. He traveled for two days at an average speed of thirty-nine miles an hour.

England's tax of a shilling a ton on coal promises to be of much benefit to American exporters of coal.

Victims of the Miller get-rich-quick syndicate will recover 7 per cent of the amount they paid into the concern.

President McKinley has announced that he will make no appointments during the recess of Congress. Accordingly, all the officials whose terms expire before December are insured of holding over. St. Louis is affected.

Auditor Youngblood, having been turned down for the national committee membership from Alabama, will now also probably lose his place as Auditor, a Vaudeville man succeeding him.

The delegation from the New York Chamber of Commerce is expected to return from visiting St. Louis on its return from its Texas tour.

James Smith, a volunteer from Illinois, has made a proposition to the Interior Department that soldiers mustered out be given land in the Indian reservations about to be opened to settlers.

FOREIGN.

Waldeck-Rousseau, Premier of France, declares in an address that the associations laws will not put hardships on Catholics.

Miss Morehead Walker of Chicago is to marry an English nobleman.

A monument has been erected in Australia to O. L. Girard, an actor, who was once a St. Louis boy.

The Princess Chimay and Rigo, her gypsy lover, have signed a contract to appear at a New York roof garden.

SPORTING.

Chicago was beaten in Sunday's game through the failure of McCormick to hold a hot liner when a triple play would have resulted.

RAILROADS.

The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific have agreed to divide certain passenger traffic in order to prevent demoralization of rates.

The Hill interests may be extended to Southern California.

President A. J. Cassatt and party spent Sunday in St. Louis and will leave Monday morning.

The Frisco has issued a circular relative to the opening of the St. Louis and North Arkansas.

Arguments are advanced to show why the Teahantec Railway will be preferable to a canal.

The Canadian Government will grant a charter for an independent railway to the Pacific Coast.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

New York, April 21.—Arrived: Steamers L'Asquith from Havre; Umbria from Liverpool and Queenstown; Statendam from Rotterdam and Boulogne.

Quebec, April 21.—Arrived: Augusta Victoria, New York via Cherbourg.

Liverpool, April 21.—Sailed: Devon, Boston.

Queenstown, April 21.—Sailed: Lucania, from Liverpool, New York.

Bremer, April 21.—Sailed: Groener Kurfirst, Bremen for Cherbourg and New York.

St. Michael, Azores, April 21.—Passed: Hibernia, New York for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa.

Schiff, April 21.—Passed: Steamer Rhein, New York for Bremen.

Kinshale, April 21.—Passed: Clive, Liverpool for New York.

Queenstown, April 21.—Arrived: Servia, New York for Liverpool, and proceeded.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 21.—Arrived: Wasland, Liverpool and Queenstown.

New York, April 21.—Arrived: Steamer Cymric, Liverpool and Queenstown.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets, 25c.

ANOTHER TITLE FOR AN AMERICAN GIRL.

Miss Amy Morehead Walker, the Bride—Helen Jones Maid of Honor.

London, April 21.—Interest centers in the marriage of Miss Amy Morehead Walker of Chicago, daughter of the late S. J. Walker of Frankfort, Ky., to Malcolm Moncreiffe at St. Paul's Church, King's Bridge, on Tuesday next. The prospective bridegroom is a day next. The prospective bridegroom is a day next. The prospective bridegroom is a day next.

It was decided in Sunday's meeting to hold the first district festival next year in St. Louis. An Arrangement Committee was chosen to attend to preliminaries. The delegates also were instructed to exert combined effort to have the headquarters of the official monthly publication moved to St. Louis. The National Sangerbund Conclave will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., in June, and the delegates will ask that the representation allowed this district be increased from three to four delegates.

Douglas, Lacey & Co., Security Bldg., Guarantee all customers against any loss through the purchase of any stocks in their several properties.

DECAL FAIR IN LONDON. London, April 21.—The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, who left Paris this morning, traveled together and arrived in London to-night. They proceeded to Warwick House.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Fama, Ill., April 21.—Robert Hatton and Miss Annie Fogarty were married to-day by the Reverend Father Weigand.

WILL SHEEDY'S QUEST FOR WILLIE McCORMICK FAIL?

Boy's Mother's Life or Reason May Depend on Gambler's Success in His Mission.

THREE REWARDS OUT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 21.—Willie McCormick disappeared from his home two months ago, and the circumstances surrounding the case pointed to kidnapping. Letters received by the family since then strengthen this theory. Whether it was the work of some one animating by personal hatred or a seeker after money is not known. McCormick, the father, is a well-to-do contractor and has wealthy brothers.

The boy's family, the New York police, friends of the family and private detectives have been searching high and low for the child ever since he went away without finding one tangible clue to his whereabouts. They have been spurred on by the offer of \$2,000 in rewards, \$1,000 by the father and \$5,000 by the uncle.

Now the parish priest has added \$10,000 to the offers of reward, and still the boy is not found.

Now the mother, turned gray by grief, is on the verge of insanity. The physicians have said that to save her the boy must be brought back—no matter how.

Thus it is that the family, disregarding the police and other searchers, determined a day or two ago to treat with the criminals, if, as it is believed, criminals are at the bottom of the affair, and pay what they might demand, in whatever form it might be demanded, and under whatever conditions they might select.

Family Confronted With Problem. Then it was that the family was confronted with a great problem. So great had been the hue and cry for the boy that the criminal or criminals would never rely on any assurances or promises of immunity and reward held out by the family, the police or a private detective agency.

A man, or set of men, facing twenty years' imprisonment, would be exceedingly wary in dealing with any of the above named. How were they to know it was not a trap to ensnare them? What reason had they to believe that the moment their hand was disclosed it would not mean immediate arrest? What code of morals required honesty and sincerity in dealing with a thief?

It therefore became necessary to find an anomaly of a man to act as a go-between. The right man must be one to whom a

large sum of money might be entrusted with the knowledge that he could be depended upon to act honestly toward the family and the community, and at the same time have the confidence of the kidnappers. They must feel that they could trust him implicitly and confidently place their liberty in his hands.

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